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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6428

BILL NUMBER: HB 1175

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 21, 2005

BILL AMENDED: Feb 14, 2005

SUBJECT: Inmate Medical Care Expenses.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Burton

FIRST SPONSOR: Sen. Waltz

BILL STATUS: As Passed - House

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill allows a court to order a county jail inmate to reimburse a county for any medical care expenses incurred by the county in providing medical care to the inmate as a term of a sentence. The bill provides that, if the court does not issue an order, the county may bring an action to recover the medical care expenses. It provides exceptions for certain county jail inmates.

Effective Date: July 1, 2005.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues: This bill allows a court to order a county jail inmate to reimburse a county for any medical care expenses incurred by the county in providing medical care to the inmate. The bill, however, states that a county jail inmate may not be required to reimburse a county if (1) all the charges for which the inmate was detained in the county jail are dismissed, or (2) the inmate is acquitted of all charges for which the inmate was detained.

Collection of such funds could increase revenue for counties. However, there is no data available which indicates the dollar amount spent on medical care for inmates who would be required to reimburse the county. Ultimately, any increase in revenue is dependent on the number of inmates and the amount able to be collected

from each inmate.

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Counties.

Information Sources:

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